

Ms. SCHWARTZ of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to turn back the clock. No, I am not referring to the annual daylight savings time change that occurred this past weekend. Nor am I having a moment of nostalgia. Rather, I am referring to the famous clock that tallies the Nation's growing debt.

The surpluses of the late 1990s put the clock that tallies our Nation's debt into retirement. But now, the borrow-and-spend policies of the Bush administration and the Republican Congress put the clock back in operation, adding \$1 million to the Nation's debt every minute, for a total of \$3 trillion in new debt since 2002.

The Republican Party's 2007 budget, which we will vote on this week, continues their borrow-and-spend policies. It also will cause a problem that the designers of the Time Square clock did not anticipate. It cannot accommodate the extra digit that will be required to display a debt of over \$10 trillion.

American taxpayers, along with our children and our grandchildren, should not be saddled with this debt. We should stop this fiscal irresponsibility and reject the President and the Republican Congress' budget.

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AWARDING CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO BYRON NELSON

(Mr. BURGESS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, this weekend is the Masters golf tournament, and while I am not a golfer myself, it is a big deal in the golfing world. The PGA tournament of today is carried on the shoulders of those who have gone before. Names like Ben Hogan, Sam Snead, and Lee Trevino are common household names for those of us of a certain age, but it is truly the gentleman from Roanoke, Texas, Byron Nelson, who has done more for the credible start for the sport of golf in this country than anyone else.

Lord Byron, as he is known back home, will turn 95 years of age this year. He was a gifted athlete, winning two Masters Tournaments in 1937 and 1942. He won two PGA tours in 1940 and 1945, and won the U.S. Open in 1939. His true service is his generosity of spirit and his humility.

In World War II, he traveled with Bob Hope and Bing Crosby on the USO tour entertaining our troops overseas. He has given over \$88 million from his Salesmanship Club Youth and Family Services. He and his wife, Louise, have created an endowment fund at Abilene Christian University totaling over \$15 million. He is the head of the Metroport Meals-on-Wheels, delivering services to shut-in seniors back in my district.

His career as an athlete is worthy of recognition, but his service to community is indeed exemplary. For these

reasons, I ask my colleagues to join me in support of H.R. 4902, the Congressional Gold Medal honoring Byron Nelson.

BUSH PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAX COUNTDOWN

(Mr. STUPAK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, President Bush simply has no compassion for millions of seniors who are trying to determine which of the prescription drug plans is best for them. Forty days from now, seniors must choose a plan or face a Bush prescription drug tax for the rest of their lives.

Last month, a woman struggling to help her elderly mother pick a prescription drug plan asked the President to extend the enrollment deadline. President Bush refused, telling the woman that helping her mother was her responsibility. The President's answer shows that he is still listening to drug companies and not the American people.

Seniors, people with disabilities and their families, need more time before making a crucial health and financial decision. Democrats do not believe seniors should be penalized because they cannot understand this complicated drug plan. That is why Democrats are fighting to extend the enrollment period by 6 months.

As we check off another day on the calendar, House Republicans now have 40 more days to stand up and support America's seniors. It is time they joined the Democrats in fighting to ensure the prescription drug tax, pushed by this President, does not take effect on May 15.

WOMEN AND THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET

(Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida. Madam Speaker, there is a saying that "the road to hell is paved with good intentions," and once again, my Republican colleagues have missed the mark.

To be a strong Nation, we need a strong family. The glue that holds the family together are our Nation's women. Unfortunately, this administration and my colleagues across the aisle continue to send a clear message in the form of a budget that strips all of the support and programs that aid in fortifying that crucial glue. We should call the budget that they are bringing to this House the "Women, Children and Family Left Behind Act."

How can an administration that professes to be pro-value and pro-family get it wrong? The President's budget cuts education by 29 percent. The President's solution is to freeze funds for Head Start and Pell Grants. What is wrong with this picture?

The President's budget completely eliminates programs like the Women's Educational Equity Act and the Women's Apprenticeship Act. The President's budget cuts funds out for the Commodity Supplemental Food program that serves 420,000 seniors as well as 50,000 mothers and children.

Stand up America.

CONCERNED ABOUT AMERICA'S DEBT

(Mr. MEEK of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I come to the floor this morning to not only share with the American people, but also with the majority side that constantly talks about the fact that they are responsible with the people's money. I just want to, again, come to the floor and say that this Republican majority, along with this President, has increased the debt owned by foreign nations by \$1.05 trillion, something that 42 Presidents before him were not able to accomplish.

I further want to bring to the attention of the House here, Madam Speaker, the fact that Newt Gingrich, who was a former Speaker of this House and delivered this Republican majority to the majority, is now saying that they are seen by the country as being in charge of a government that cannot function.

Now, I can tell you, Madam Speaker, as a Democrat, I would be concerned if a former Speaker was referring to the Democratic Caucus as "they." That means that the American people are very concerned about what is going on here. I am concerned as an American. And as we go to vote on this budget, we have to think about the people that have sent us up here.

So I want to say here on the Democratic side, we are willing to pay as we go. But the bottom line is, third-party validator, former Speaker Newt Gingrich, is calling the Republican majority "they."

IMMIGRATION

(Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, this past weekend, I met with many students from schools in our district and hope to meet with many more. This banner is signed by students from the Alta Charter School in our district. These students are voicing their concerns because they want to keep their families together and felt their heritage was not being respected.

They are concerned about the possibility of their parents being deported, even though their children are citizens. They are worried about the possibility of them being deported, although this is the only life they have ever known.